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1. The Air Force Research Institute (VLU - Vyzkumný letecký ústav) in Prague-Letnany employs about 180 persons, mostly of anti-Communist sympathies. Leading personnel of the VLU included the following: 25X1X
 - a. Commanding Officer: Colonel Ing. Siska, about 50 years old, a devoted Communist.
 - b. Deputy CO and director of civilian personnel: Ruzha, about 45 years old, a Communist. (1)
 - c. Director of Aircraft Engines Section: Unknown. (2)
 - d. Director of Aircraft Equipment Section: Lt. Colonel Ing. Josef Duda, about 42 years old, a devoted Communist.
 - e. Director of Aerodynamics Section: A lieutenant colonel engineer; a non-Communist. (3)
 - f. Director of Radio Section: Major Cesky, about 36 years old, a political prisoner during World War II, now a nominal Communist. (4)
 - g. Director of the Workshops: Lt. Lt. Hora, about 42 years old, a devoted Communist and chairman of the local National Committee in Prague-Letnany.
 - h. Chief of the Warehouses: Staff Captain Skeril, about 55 years old, a nominal Communist.
 - i. Transport Officer: A civilian, a Communist. (5)
 - j. Director of the Testing Section: Captain Kostik, who accounts all planes for the Army. He commanded a testing wing of 18 jet planes at Kbely.

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2. The Air Force Technical Research Institute (VTIU - Vyzkumny technicky letectva) in Prague-Dolnive works on aircraft radar and guided missiles. These items are tested in flight at the Malacky airfield. The Institute is commanded by Colonel Ing. Effenberger, formerly a political prisoner under the German occupation and a Communist since February 1948. (6)
3. Two models of jet planes, the two-seat C91 and the single-seat C92, both based on the Messerschmitt 262, were tested by Avia factory at the Zatec airfield. These planes were built by Avia in Malesice (051/LP8) and CKD in Prague-Karlin. Two types of jet engines, the 003 and 004, were used for power. (7)

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(1) [REDACTED] Comment: Ing. Ruzha has been reported as the director of the Strength Calculation Section and deputy to Dr. Ing. Smolar, a civilian reported to be in charge of LIVU (Letacký Vojenský Ustav).

25X1A (2) [REDACTED] Comment: Director of the Aircraft Engine Section has been reported to be Major Vesely.

25X1A 25X1A (3) [REDACTED] Comment: The Aerodynamics Section has been reported to be directed by Dr. Ing. Smolar; [REDACTED] (1).

25X1A (4) [REDACTED] Comment: Captain Cesky has been reported to be in charge of the Electrical Installation Section, which would seem to deal with a wider field than the Radio Section.

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25X1A (5) [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] Staff Captain Skorik is reported to be Warehouse and Transport Officer.

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25X1A (6) [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] Colonel Effenberger (vic) is listed as being Chief of Section V of the Air Force General Staff.

25X1A (7) [REDACTED] Comment: These are very probably the BMW-003 and the Jumo-004 jet engines.

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